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Re:

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Sigma-Delta DAC's

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Our Ref:

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004, transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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- 2. Reply Under 37 C.F.R § 1.111;
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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE erwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number Complete if Known **TRANSMITTAL** 10/812,975 **Application Number** for FY 2004 Filing Date March 31, 2004 First Named Inventor Minsheng WANG Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision. **Examiner Name** Nguyen, Khai M. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 **Art Unit** 2819 **TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 110.00 1875.3750001/RES/GSB Attorney Docket No METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) FEE CALCULATION (continued) Money Other** Check X Credit card 3. ADDITIONAL FEES *Charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments in Deposit Account: the fees to Deposit Acct. No. 19-0036. Large Entity | Small Entity Fee **Fee Description** Deposit Code (\$) Code Fee Paid Account 19-0036 1051 130 2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath Number Deposit Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or 1052 50 2052 25 Account Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C cover sheet 130 Non-English specification 1053 1053 130 The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply) 1812 2,520 1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments 920 Requesting publication of SIR prior to 1804 1804 920* Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) Examiner action Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee Requesting publication of SIR after 1805 1,840 1805 1.840 Examiner action to the above-identified deposit account. Extension for reply within first month 1251 110 2251 55 **FEE CALCULATION** Extension for reply within second month 1252 420 2252 210 1. BASIC FILING FEE 1253 950 2253 475 Extension for reply within third month arge Entity Şmall Entity Fee Fee Code (\$) Fee Description Fee Paid 1254 1.480 2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month Code (\$) Extension for reply within fifth month 1255 2.010 2255 1.005 1001 770 2001 385 Utility filing fee 1002 340 2002 170 1401 330 2401 Design filing fee Notice of Appeal 1003 1402 330 2402 530 2003 265 Plant filing fee 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal 1004 770 2004 385 1403 290 2403 145 Request for oral hearing Reissue filing fee 1005 160 Provisional filing fee 1451 1,510 1451 1,510 2005 80 Petition to institute a public use proceeding 1452 110 2452 Petition to revive - unavoidable SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 1453 1.330 2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE 1501 1,330 2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue) Fee from Fee Paid Extra Claims 1502 480 2502 below 240 Design issue fee **Total Claims** Х 1503 640 2503 320 Plant issue fee Independent X 3 Claims L.
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